

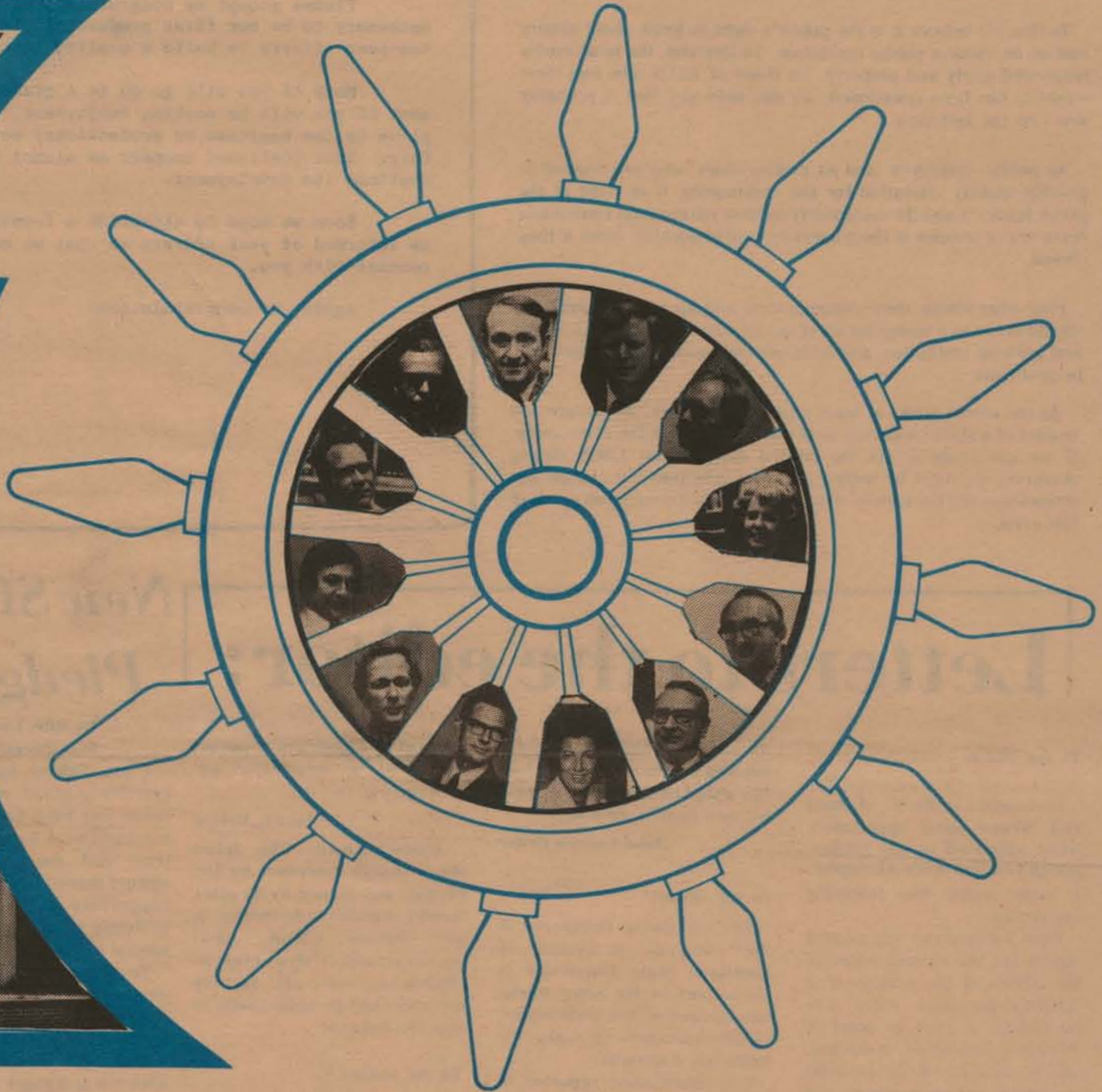
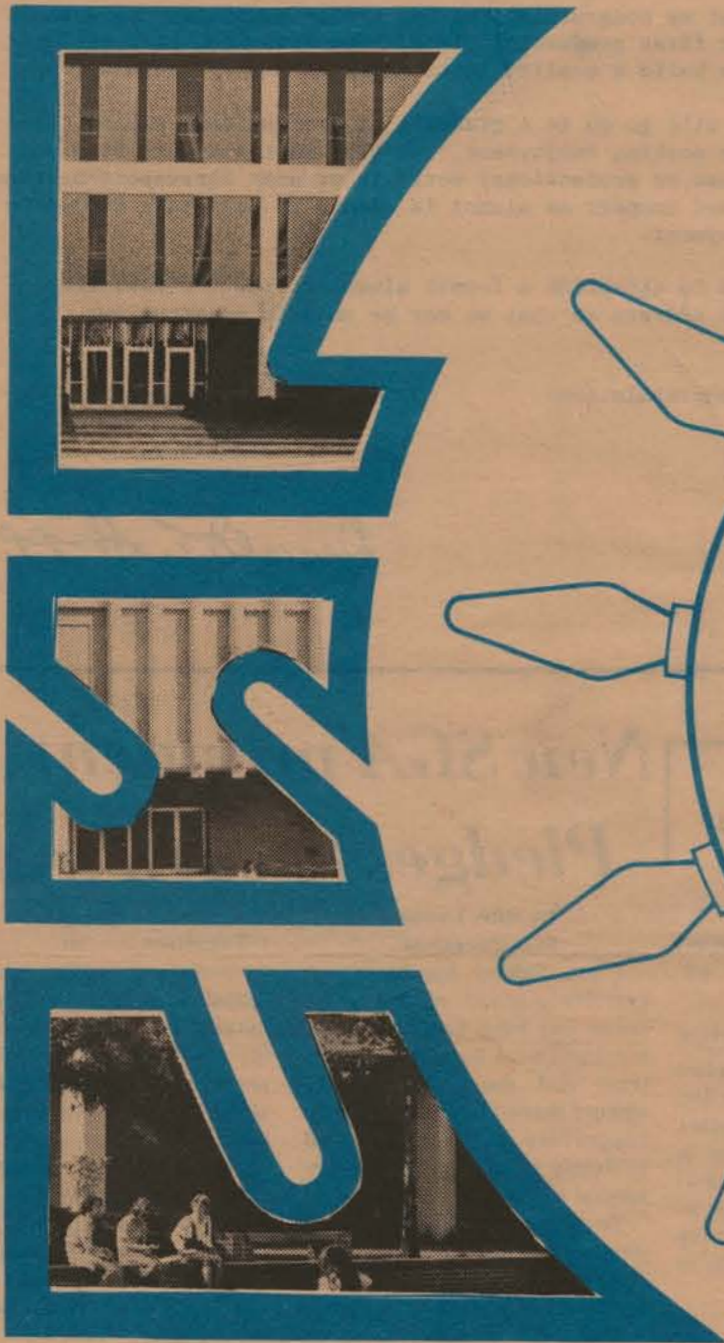
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Area support needed

By Keenan Gingles

The 1974-75 school year has been one of successes and frustrations for LSUS administrators, faculty-staff and students.

On one hand, the University is about to realize the fruits of several years of struggle to gain four-year status. On the other, the school is engaged in the most controversial problem since its opening in 1967.

The first graduation is certainly a historic occasion. Students, faculty-staff, administrators and the community have cause to be proud of the high standards which LSUS has developed.

But the recent controversy has left a cloud hanging over the university. Its significance upon the community, the students and academic excellence of the institution cannot be measured. Whether right or wrong decisions were made is not the point. It is the opinion of concerned individuals that discussion of LSUS's internal problems should be open for public scrutiny.

To this, we believe it is the public's right to know about affairs that go on inside a public institution. To this end, the local media responded fairly and properly. To those at LSUS who feel their integrity has been questioned, we can only say that it probably won't be the last time.

As public employees and as professionals who are trusted to provide quality education for the community, it is right of the press, students and the community to have information concerning decisions or policies of the university, and to question them if they choose.

Four-year status, the commencement and our internal problems should serve as a lesson for all of us. Namely, that we are a young and growing institution, and with our continued growth there will be problems.

As the school grows at such a phenomenal rate, the nature and impact of a state university is being exerted upon the community. If we are going to get the needed support that LSUS rightly deserves, we must be willing to adjust and possibly change our attitudes as the University strives to meet the tremendous needs of this area.

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Office of the Chancellor

To: Graduating Students

Please accept my congratulations for having completed the work necessary to be our first graduating class. You have been part of our ten-year efforts to build a quality institution of higher learning.

Many of you will go on to a graduate or professional school, but most of you will be seeking employment. We hope that you will find your place in the business or professional world in or near Shreveport-Bossier City. Your continued support as alumni is needed to help this campus to continue its development.

Soon we hope to establish a formal alumni office. Please keep us informed of your address so that we may be able to continue our contact with you.

Again, my congratulations.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Shipp

Letters to the editor:

To the editor:

In response to Mr. E. Michael Hill, whose equal opportunity letter appeared in the Friday, March 7 edition of the *Almagest*, I must make the following comments.

First, I should say that some, I repeat for the record, some of the effects of the actions of a national-socialist state are beneficial; a case in point is Britain's socialized medicine, which, in spite of its socialist overtones, is Nazi in theory and practice, i.e. socialism of, by, and for the nation. Fine.

But the greater part of the national-socialists dream is a nightmare. For instance, the part "they killed twenty billion Jews" of Hill's letter tells a sad truth: that the race-purity-genocide aspect of German national socialism was not mainly the product of Adolph Hitler's diseased mind; it was, and is, an integral part of the general concept of national socialism, and nothing Mr. Hill said, and in truth, nothing at all can ever justify the code of barbaric equality proposed by the national-socialist ideology.

Lastly, Mr. Hill may not realize this, but if the United States ever does go Nazi (if it already has not happened) my guess is that E. Michael Hill would be one of the first people to be shipped west to a concentration camp. For E. Michael Hill is purportedly a member of the intelligentsia, one of the "intellectuals," although, after reading his letter, I think he may only be a pretender to that ideal. Nevertheless, national socialism fears and abhors thinkers and the intellectual clique in the same way "natura abhorat a vacuo" and thus, on

the eve of this nation's "night of the long knives" Mr. E. Michael Hill would be the sorry victim of his own mind's ravete.

John Andrew Prime

To the editor:

The continuing discussion of the internal problems of Louisiana State University in Shreveport in the news media has compelled the undersigned faculty members to make the following statement:

The information reported in the news media in the past several weeks has questioned the professional integrity of Chancellor Shipp, Dean Mary Ann McBride, Dr. John Hall and the entire Social Sciences Department of the College of Liberal Arts. Furthermore, the statement concerning the "repressive atmosphere" created by Chancellor Shipp and other statements concerning the "academic excellence" of LSUS are reflections on the professional integrity of every faculty member and administrator at the University.

Every institution has its problems, and none of us would deny that LSUS has problems—not only normal problems of any university but special problems created by its rapid growth. However, there are the necessary committee structure, constant dialogue between faculty and administrators and professional effort to correct these problems. While there is always a certain amount of tension between faculty members and administrators, there is no more at LSUS, and perhaps less, than elsewhere; and it is certainly not a "repressive atmosphere."

In spite of this unfortunate incident, we are committed to a continued effort to resolve our

internal problems and to pursue our goal of academic excellence.

John L. Berton

(Editor's note: The letter above though composed by Dr. Berton, was signed by 66 other faculty members. According to Dr. Dalton Cloud, communications department chairman, not all faculty members had the opportunity to sign the letter.)

To the editor:

I must now write and give my opinion about this dude called Adolph Hitler. I will say that he was a man that could get things done. That is one thing that everyone will have to agree with. So what? Richard Speck, "The Boston Stranger," and many more killers were able to get things done. But to say that Hitler and company would have saved us from Communism is a assinine statement. How could he have done it? The only way that I know is to kill all the people in the world. Also, I do not see how Mr. Hill can say "OUR RACE", since there are so few of us of one race. Would it be right to build one race and wipe another race of people completely from the face of the earth? Is Mr. Hill for real? We can save ourselves from Communism.

Frank P. Emes Jr.

About the cover

The front cover was designed by Donald Alexander, LSUS assistant professor of fine arts. Photos are by *Almagest* Staff Photographers Irvin Schueler and Greg Goodwin.

New SGA president Pledges to earn trust

By Billy Lyons
SGA President

I am indeed humbled, yet extremely proud, of this great honor you have bestowed upon me. I will work hard to earn that trust and your respect. My sincere thanks to you all. To my supporters who worked so tirelessly in my behalf, a very special thanks.

To my opponents, I wish to commend you for your gentlemanly conduct and exceedingly fine sense of fair play. I invite you all to close ranks with me and share your talents and fine ideas for the continued growth and development of student and academic affairs at LSUS.

Together, in mutual cooperation with the administration and the senate, mindful of and subservient to, the student body will, I shall press on with the task at hand. I shall ask the senate to continue with their good, solid, long-ranging planning; however, I shall ask that priority be placed on today's needs today. To that end, I shall shortly prepare and set up a public "status board," denoting and progress accomplished thereto. Your comments, additions and gripes will be earnestly solicited and warmly welcomed. This administration will be your administration.

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Gym, music in future

University continues growth

In discussing LSUS since its beginnings in 1967, administrators like to characterize the school as "one of the fastest growing universities in the state." And a number of factors seem to bear out their opinions.

Enrollment at LSUS has expanded from about 800 students in 1967 to a current student population of approximately 3000. Future estimates are for more than 5,000 students by 1979. As the enrollment of the school rose, the University has experienced growth in other areas.

Statistics revealed by Dr. A. J. Howell, vice chancellor for business affairs, show that the present campus is valued at more than \$8.4 million. Present facilities include the Liberal Arts Building, the latest completed building on campus, the Library and Science buildings and Science Lecture Auditorium. In addition, other buildings include a Snackbar and bookstore, housed on one building and the school's maintenance complex.

Future expansion calls for a University Center for which \$3.4 million has been allocated, an educational television production studio, and a proposed Gym-Health and Physical Education Building. Money for the television studio has been allocated by the state, while the gym facility is yet to be financed. With plans for the University Center on the architect's drawing board, the administration has given the construction of the gym facility top priority. In addition, future plans call for the construction of a Business Administration Education building, remodeling of the Library's second floor, and the addition of a combination Science and Administration building. Funding for these have not yet been obtained, according to Chancellor Shipp.

LSUS's long awaited University Center should be ready about two years from this fall, according to Dr. Jimmie Smith, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. The 62,000 square foot facility is being financed by \$2.4 million in state fund and an additional \$1 million bond issue, to be paid off by a student assessment of \$20 per semester.

Dr. Smith said the impact of the building on the school will be significant. "The addition of this building will do more to change the nature of this campus than anything else. A properly ad-

ministered and supervised program of social, cultural, educational and leisure time activities for students, faculty and staff will be a valuable asset to the University," he said.

The school has increased its faculty, staff and maintenance employees and the University has grown. Currently, the University employs 254 persons, according to Dr. Howell. Of these, 122 are faculty members, while 132 are working in the other employment categories.

Regarding academic growth, the school now offers 47 different bachelor's degrees, various associate degrees and other preparatory and preprofessional programs.

The University in 1967 offered

148 courses in 1967. That number has climbed to 559 scheduled for 1975, according to Dr. Gary Brasher, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"Over the last year we've added 28 new courses and 4 curriculums. The development of the academic program has been orderly and deliberate. It has, I think served well the citizens of Northwest Louisiana," he said.

Future expansion in programs offered included plans for a degree in health and physical education, a music program and a limited graduate school, Dr. Brasher said. The development of the programs will hinge on the availability of "resources," he added.

Library's expansion Has been continuous

By Greg Goodwin

Much like the university, the development of the LSUS library has been one of continuous growth.

Area response To archives Reveals interest

By Penny Adams
Contributing Writer

Numerous important historical records benefiting both the community and university have been assimilated through the LSUS Archives Committee.

The records include the LSUS Archives Collection, an oral history program and a complete collection of topographic maps of Louisiana.

Hubert Humphreys, assistant professor of history, is coordinator of the LSUS Archives Collection. He, along with Library Director Malcolm Parker and Social Sciences Department Chairman Dr. John Hall, both members of the Faculty Community Archives Committee, were instrumental in the development of the program.

Community response, according to Humphreys, "has been far beyond what was expected." Phone calls, letters and visits from community members have revealed the deep interest the public has in this program.

In its small beginning in 1967, there were only 4,718 volumes. It now houses nearly 75 thousand volumes with 55,101 books, 15,790 serials and 3,838 documents according to Malcolm Parker, library director.

"We add an average of 8,000 volumes a year," said Parker, "and we plan to continue to add 8,000-10,000 a year as long as we can keep it up." Parker says the goal is to meet the standards set by the American Library Association which are based on enrollment. "If we continue to grow at our present rate, we should reach the standard in about 25 years," says Parker, "This of course depends on enrollment."

Now the library shares its building with the colleges of Business and Education but as soon as these departments have their own facilities, the library will expand into the entire building. "This is several years off," said Parker. "If we continue growing at our present rate we should be extremely crowded by then."

The library also serves as an exhibition hall for artists. Parker said, "We keep a exhibition schedule." "Right now we are scheduled a year in advance. What we do is invite the artist, what they display is up to them." The next two years are set aside for exhibits honoring the country's bicentennial.



Dr. John Allen, president of Centenary College, will address LSUS's first graduating class May 15 at 7:30 p. m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Some 232 seniors are expected to receive degrees. Graduates of last December will return to receive degrees with this spring's graduates.

Intramural sports Have bright future

By Bess Maxwell

In the fall of 1969, LSUS students took to the football field for the first time and intramural sports were born on the Shreveport campus.

With faculty referees and such teams as the "IPT's", "Misfits", "Juniors", "River Rats", and "Soul Plus", flag football fans finally had an outlet for their energies.

The following spring, basketball and baseball appeared on campus. Basketball was played at the First Baptist Church gym and baseball at Queensboro Park.

In 1971, bowling was added to the activities. That same year IM sports took a big step forward with LSUS teams meeting off-campus opposition, such as a flag football championship against Kappa Sigma fraternity of Centenary and LSUS girls meeting the KEEL Dirty Dribblers.

Today LSUS IM activities include not only football, baseball and basketball, but volleyball, badminton, table tennis, foos ball, track, chess, spades, bridges, air hockey and tennis.

Since the resignation of the IM director Don Dino in the fall of 1974, Marvin Street and Sue Bilich have worked on the program. The future plan is to coordinate IM and student activities under one director. According to vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Jimmie Smith, an experienced director will expand and improve the program. The new director will be chosen for the fall of 1975. Plans for the new campus gym also give hopes for a brighter future for the IM program at LSUS.

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Gov. Edwin Edwards (center) conferred with Dr. Martin D. Woodin (left), president of LSU, and Dean Donald Shipp (right) of LSUS, during an appreciation dinner at the petroleum Club honoring the

governor, area legislators and others who helped LSUS obtain four-year status. (Shreveport Times photo: John A. Moore)

Dream of

Louisiana State University in Shreveport once a mere dream for the people of Northern Louisiana — has now become a reality in the fullest sense.

From the empty acres on a tract of Dogwood Plantation east of State Highway 101, LSUS has grown at a phenomenal rate to a four-year degree granting institution for Louisiana. With this rapid growth the population has reached the 3,000 mark in 1975.

On Feb. 6, 1965 the LSU Board of Supervisors established LSUS as a commuter college and appointed Dr. Donald E. Shipp dean of the college. Dr. Shipp was an LSUBR professor of education and a native and former resident of Bossier parish. He had also served as assistant dean of the LSUBR College of Education from July, 1964.

Later in the spring of 1965, the head of the newly created college pledged that LSUS would seek to provide both quantity and quality of education and hoped that it would be a monument to the people who have worked to develop it here."

Movement begins in 1956

The movement for a college in Shreveport actually began in 1956 when State Rep. Fulco and State Sen. Jackson B. Dugas introduced a bill in the legislature to have a survey made to determine the need for a university in this area. The survey, which was made by the State Department of Education and presented in 1958, showed a definite need for a supported higher education institution in Shreveport.

This movement remained dormant until 1963 when a bill was introduced to authorize the college. The bill was defeated then and again in 1963. With the help of former Gov. J. McKeithen, the college was authorized.

Master Plan developed

On December 11, 1965 the LSU Board of Supervisors accepted the first phase of the Master Plan of the Shreveport two-year college. It called for the construction of a library-classroom building and a science classroom building, along with housing, the first part of the school's power plant.

Total cost of this phase was to be approximately \$3 million. Architects for the project were the Shreveport firm of Smitherman-Sorenson-Sherman and Associates.

The second phase of the Master Plan included a student union, liberal arts building, auditorium and gymnasium. The third phase was to include facilities for physical education, maintenance equipment, science, business administration, teacher education and agriculture. Dr. Shipp confirmed that the Master Plan is still being followed today as the facilities become available.

Former Gov. McKeithen turned an imaginary spade of dirt in the groundbreaking ceremony.



Principles in the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new LSUS were, left to right, Joe LeSage of Shreveport, chairman of the board of supervisors; former Gov. John McKeithen; Dr. John A. Hunter, president of LSU; and

Dr. Donald E. Shipp, dean of the college. The April 26, 1966 ceremonies were held at the Shreveport Civic Theater since the future campus was flooded. (Shreveport Journal photo: Don Graham.)



Surveying the empty acres which will become the new LSUS campus in Shreveport is Dr. Donald E. Shipp. The first two buildings were built in the small houses were visible. (Shreveport Journal photo: Don Graham.)

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of LSUS held in the Shreveport Civic Theater on April 26, 1966. Why at the Civic Theater? Where LSUS stands today was a sea of mud and water.

By late summer in 1966 Dr. Shipp had appointed the first three members of the administrative staff. And by the end of the summer of 1967, the 36-member faculty was appointed to begin their duties in the opening year of LSUS. The opening was delayed a few weeks because construction on the street for the school and one parking lot was not completed. Also science laboratory equipment was running behind schedule.

LSUS did open in late September of 1967. It was a year of firsts and of traditions for a new college — many of which remain to remind us of our past.

Sophomore class added despite cut

In the fall of 1968 the sophomore class was added despite the University facing a very critical budget situation. A \$60,000 cutback in requested funds curtailed the planned program. To the amazement of many enrollment exceeded 1,500 students this semester.

As LSUS continued to grow, so did the buildings — thus, plans for the \$2.5 million Liberal Arts Building were announced in January, 1971. This was ready for classes in the summer of 1973.

Enrollment at LSUS stayed at about 1,500 students as area legislators and other concerned citizens worked ardently for the four-year status of LSUS. The enrollment increased to more than 1,700 students in 1971 and more than 2,200 students in 1972.

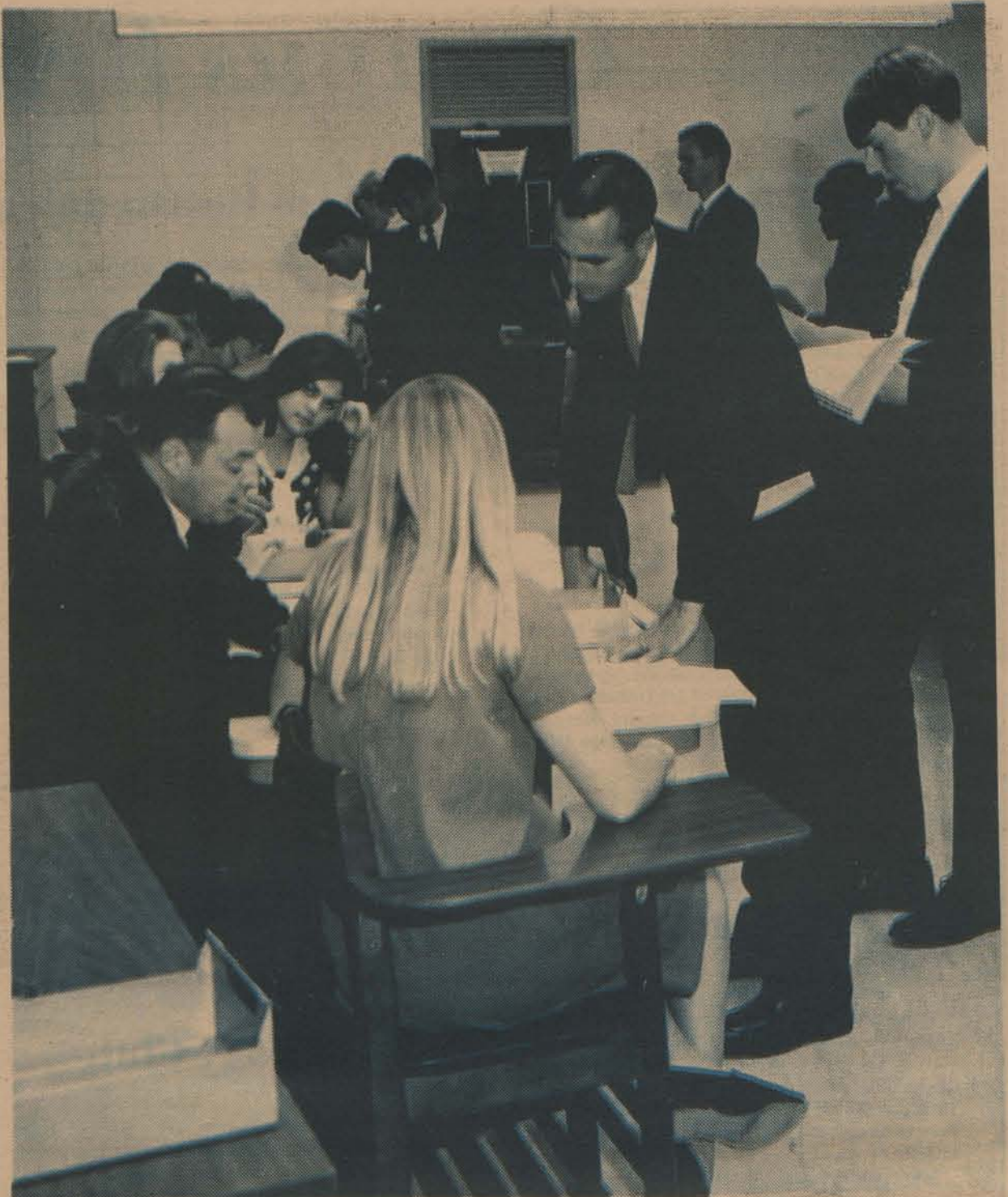
Four-year status gets approval

Finally for LSUS to become of age was the unanimous approval by the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education for the local college to have a four-year degree-granting status. Then the House Education Committee cleared the proposal and the momentous legislation for LSUS was a dream come true. Its passing fulfilled the campaign promise of Gov. Edwin Edwards who gave his all-out support for the four-year status of LSUS.

The third academic year was added in the fall of 1973, with an enrollment of 2,430 students and the senior year added the past year because of the above mentioned legislation. This brings us to the present era in the growth and development of LSUS and the occasion of its first graduating class.

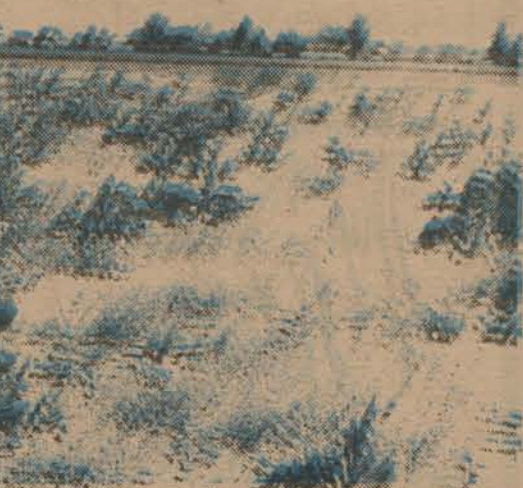
The first graduation class — 1975 will be recorded as one of the most important events in the development of this branch of Louisiana State University. This will be remembered by students and faculty-staff at LSU and also by those who have given their time, efforts and support in behalf of LSUS.

Louisiana State University in Shreveport will continue to provide and improve the higher education opportunities of Northwest Louisiana.



The registration office at LSUS was busy on Sept. 26, 1967 as students enrolled for the first classes. Opening of the school had been postponed about two weeks because of a delay in completing construction. (Shreveport Journal photo: Jack Barham)

Story by Garrett Stearns



h became the home of LSU at dean of the junior college. The e area most distinct where the port Times photo: Lloyd Stilley)



The Science Building, one of the first buildings to go up on the new Shreveport campus, is shown under construction prior to the school's opening in 1967. The

Science Building was built simultaneously with the Library Building under the Master Plan of LSU.

Campus Briefs

Caps, Gowns In

Caps and gowns have been received in the LSUS Bookstore. Faculty, staff and graduating seniors should make arrangements to pick them up at their earliest convenience.

Those graduating seniors who have placed orders but not paid and persons who have not yet ordered caps and gowns are urged to do so immediately. The tentative cut-off date for all orders is Friday, May 2.

Program Rescheduled

The documentary originally scheduled for last Sunday featuring LSUS and other state universities was cancelled because of technical difficulties. The program should be aired in about 30 days, according to a station spokesman.

2 Elected Officers

Dr. Larry Marshman, director of the LSUS special education center, has been elected president for the local 542 chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Dr. LaVerne Bennett, educational consultant in the LSUS center, is treasurer.

CEC is a national association of 60,000 professional personnel who serve exceptional children. Included are teachers, physicians, psychologists and researchers.

Health Club

The Health Sciences Club will travel to New Orleans May 12-14 to tour health care facilities, according to David Gorsulowsky, president. Among facilities to be viewed are Ochsner Clinic, the LSU Dental School and Charity Hospital. Another point of interest to be visited is the USDA Food Inspection Center.

'Virgin Spring'

"The Virgin Spring," showing tonight at 8 in the Science Lecture Auditorium, will be the final foreign film this semester in a series presented by the LSUS International Cinema Society. Tickets will be available at the door or those interested may contact Dr. Robert Leitz in the room 219 of the Liberal Arts Building.

Attention Bicyclists

Anyone interested in going on a bicycle camping trip between semesters contact Reid Miller at 868-6968 or Dr. Purdy in room 410 of the Liberal Arts Building.

Delta Sigma Phi

Three members of Delta Sigma Phi colony at LSUS were initiated Sunday by the Delta Sigma Phi chapter at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux. New actives are Ken Jones, Stuart Pitts and Buddy Wainwright, who will be members-at-large until the campus colony receives its charter.

The members and the Little Sisters of the local colony recently collected \$100 for Open Ear.

Students Visit Here

Fifteen students and the chairman of the foreign language department of Texarkana Junior College observed French classes at LSUS Wednesday. The visiting students were also treated to lunch at a local restaurant.

Notary Course

LSUS will offer a notary review short course April 29 through May 22.

Co-sponsored by the Office of Conferences and Institutes and by the Shreveport Legal Secretaries, the program is set for 7-9:30 p. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 107 of the Liberal Arts Building. Nolan Harper, Shreveport attorney and notary, is course instructor.

Subject topics include notary requirements, wills and donations, chattels and definitions and real estate.

Course cost is \$25. Persons wanting additional information may contact John Powell at 865-7121, extension 262.

Biology Club

Biology Club officers are Becky Bass, president; Philip Barbour, vice president; Priscilla Kalinsky, recording secretary; Andrea Jackson, corresponding secretary and Dianne Emerson, treasurer.

Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi, social sorority, recently elected officers for the coming year. They are Phyllis Kline, president; Janice Zube, Caramella Russo and Pam Simpson, vice presidents and Patti Baker and Judy Ward, rush chairmen.

Regional seminars were held this weekend which some chapter members attended. Representatives included Phyllis Kline, Pam Simpson, Judy Ward and Ricki Valenta, chapter adviser.

New pledges are Gina Gordey and Lisa Hodson.

Debaters Place

An LSUS debate team won a first place trophy and the other LSUS team placed third in the Louisiana Forensic Association State Tournament at Southwestern Louisiana University at Hammond April 18-19.

LSUS placed second in the Sweepstakes Award for the best showing by a school. Mike Monsour won a first place trophy in individual events, and Don Hutchinson, Gloria Christopher and John Boston won certificates.

Program Given

Ms. Simone Oudot, foreign language consultant for Holt, Rinehart and Winston publishing company and an editor and author, recently gave a presentation on individualized instruction to teachers from public and private schools in Caddo and Bossier parishes. The presentation was given on campus under the co-sponsorship of the Foreign Language Department and the State Department of Education.

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Seniors give feelings On graduation, future

By Penny Adams
Contributing Writer

The year 1975 marks an important event for LSUS. In May, the first graduation ceremonies of this school will be held.

The LSUS graduates of this year have finally achieved a goal that they have worked long and hard for—a college diploma. But this piece of paper is not an end; it is a beginning for these young people.

The following statements illustrate some of the feelings and plans that the 1975 LSUS graduates have:

Connie Parker, English major: "My immediate plan is to work, but I hope eventually to get a Masters in English. It's hard to imagine what it's going to be like not going to school this summer not having any homework, especially English papers. It sounds great! I guess I'll really realize it has happened at the graduation ceremony."

Anne King, English major: "I'll enjoy sending graduation

announcements to my college graduate students. I'll clean the house and look for a job."

Martha Dupuy, secondary education major: "Graduation is the greatest thing that's ever happened to me. You could say it's an end to a means. I consider it to be a worthwhile endeavor, but an education does not necessarily give you a better paying job, but it does broaden your outlook on life and its situations. I have been proud to be a part of LSUS and I think that it is a fine school."

Sharon Johnson, English literature major: "I have no specific job plans as there is a lack of attractive jobs for English majors. My plans now call for graduate school, hopefully at S.F. Austin."

Senior tells 'secret' Of 4.0 grade average

By George Sylvie
Contributing Writer

Question: What is Lindy McNabb doing that most baseball pitchers DREAM of doing? Answer: She's on the verge of completing a perfect game.

But in this instance, the "perfect game" is a perfect 4.0 overall grade point average, and the "final out" is graduating in May from LSUS with that average.

Lindy, when asked her secret, joked "Would you believe dumb luck?" The French major then seriously stated that motivation, along with ample studying, was a big factor. She also pointed out the advantages of having a major within the relatively small foreign languages department, where she had the same instructors more than once.

Unlike others who complain about lack of time to keep up grades, Lindy did not complain when she missed four weeks' classes in February because of a spider bite. She explained, "My instructors were real understanding, and although I missed a lot of work, I kept up as best I could." She revealed that

Through internship

Students work in community

Editors note: This is the final installment of a series by Sandy Bellar dealing with the various internship programs offered by LSUS.)

Two LSUS internship programs place seniors in Shreveport agencies where they receive individual supervision. Sociology 495, Independent Study: Field Research, places students in a social agency to act as volunteer counselors and spend more than what is required for course credit.

On the other hand, Communications 499, Internship, offers a student practical experience with professional newspapers, radio, television, advertising agencies or public relations firms.

Actually, sociology students begin working in an agency

before they become a senior. In Juvenile Delinquency, Sociology 322 and 320, many begin working at the Caddo Juvenile Detention Home or work as volunteer probation officers for the Caddo or Bossier Parish courts.

Experience comes early

By the senior year, practical experience has enabled the students to know the agencies' operation.

"This course (Soc. 495) is not an introduction to social work," explained Norman Dolch, assistant professor of sociology and course instructor. "The prime objective is to apply one's knowledge of sociology to why events occur in a social agency."

However, seniors Nyla Farley, Gary Loflin and Donna Mason find it impossible to simply observe the agency without becoming actively involved. Nyla and Gary have been volunteer counselors for the Caddo Juvenile Court for more than a year.

"For course credit, I am comparing two boys I have counseled on the basis of social class," Loflin said. "My findings show that much can be accomplished by using different counselling methods in regards to socioeconomic conditions."

Project centers on court process

Farley said her project centers on the working of the Juvenile Court process. She has been counseling two girls throughout the year. As with all volunteers, she is supervised by a probation officer. Contact with the probationer is required at least one hour per week. A monthly report is submitted to the court.

Donna Mason worked at the Detention Home for one semester, but for Independent Studies she works at the Barksdale Mental Health Clinic as a child guidance and marriage counselor.



Mary Jarzabek

... on the air.

Working in the professional atmosphere of the Shreveport Times is this year's journalism department award winner Linda Lockwood, senior journalism major.

"Working with professionals has given me confidence and those at the Times have taken every opportunity to help me learn the operations of a newspaper. My supervisor has guided me towards the goal of good journalism. It is like a baby taking his first steps. The internship really takes the fear out of breaking into the professions," she said.

"I have had the opportunity to do rewrites and obituaries, as well as write stories, such as an interview with psychic Kreskin which was printed with my by-line," she added.

Mary Jarzabek has been interning at KWKH where she is "learning every corner of the newsroom." She too is supervised in writing stories and then broadcasting on the air. "I never could have done it on my own without the internship," she said.

The practical working experience in both internships has led to permanent jobs. By learning on the job from professionals in their chosen field, the internships are an invaluable learning experience to those striving for a career in counseling or journalism.

Two sororities First on campus

By Phyllis Kline

Phi Mu Alpha and Omicron Nu Epsilon, two local sororities constituted the beginnings of national sororities at LSUS.

Phi Mu Alpha colonized and became Alpha Phi International fraternity in April of 1974. Alpha Phi marked the beginning of national sororities at LSUS. Alpha Phi was founded in 1872 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

Omicron Nu Epsilon colonized and became Delta Delta Delta in August of 1974. Tri-Delta was founded 1888 at Boston University on Thanksgiving Eve.

Zeta Tau Alpha was colonized at the beginning of fall 1974. Zeta was founded in 1898 at Longwood College of Farmville, Virginia. Zeta is the only sorority to have two chapters in one city.

Kappa Alpha was admitted on campus with a provisional charter on March 16. KA was founded at Washington College in December of 1865 and is the only fraternity to have two chapters in one city.

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